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SUBJECT: CANDIDATE FOR FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL

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1. CANADIANS ARE PARTIALLY CORRECT IN ASSERTING THAT NIGERIAN CANDIDATE BUKAR SHAIB HAS WITHDRAWN FROM RACE FOR DG/FAO. HE RECENTLY INFORMED RELIABLE SOURCES IN FAO MEETINGS THAT HE CONSIDERS HIS CANDIDACY ABANDONED. BUKAR SHAIB FELT THAT FINAL DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL MAY NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL OAU MEETING IN JUNE. BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REPORTEDLY WILL BE GHANA'S INSISTENCE ON MAINTAINING SEY'S CANDIDATURE.

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2. WITH REGARD CANADIAN CANDIDATE HOPPER AND ALL OTHER CANDIDATES, USG REMAINS UNCOMMITTED. MOST CANDIDATES ARE CAMPAIGNING VIGOROUSLY AND WE ARE TAKING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE AT THIS STATE.

3. SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE, EMBASSY MAY INDICATE TO CANADIAN HICOM WE HAVE NOTHING BEYOND WHAT IS SET FORTH ABOVE TO EXPLAIN DECISION NIGERIA. KISSINGER

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